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(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))**

Docket No.
0878001AA

In Re Application Of: **Tatsumi et al.**

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10/712,056	November 14, 2003	Ly T. Tran	30743	2853	9030

Title: **SURFACE TREATMENT APPARATUS AND IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS**

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the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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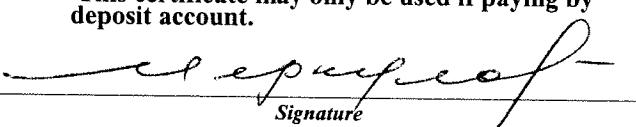
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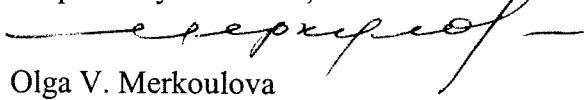
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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following document, cited in the Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on February 13, 2007, and the Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on February 27, 2007, for the above-identified patent application and listed on the attached forms PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be formally made of record in the application. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to the Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis, Christofferson & Cook, P.C.).

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